

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 14, 2020 9:30 am – 11:30 am David Gebhard Public Meeting Room 630 Garden St.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Members

James Marston, Chair Present
Nick Koonce, Vice Chair Present
Barbara Silver Present
Janice Rodriguez Present
Robert Burnham Present
Suzanne Tejada Present
Sean Gorel Present

City Staff

Brian D'Amour, City Engineer, ADA Coordinator Kim Thaler-Strange, Administrative Specialist Present Present

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- o Dani Anderson ILRC
 - Discussed the 30th Anniversary of the ADA. Suggested a 30th Anniversary spotlight. Asked what can we do to work towards more accessibility locally? ILRC is ready to be involved.

4. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

- Nick was nominated and declined the position of Committee Chair, but is willing to remain Vice Chair. Barbara nominated Jim to be Chair. Jim will continue on as AAC Chair, and Bob will be Vice Chair.
- Discussion of how Chair and Vice Chair are selected. It was suggested to send out an email ahead of time to gauge interest in who wants to take those positions.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - For Action

- a) Approval of Minutes
- November 8, 2019, special meeting minutes APPROVED with minor edits
 - Motion by Bob Burnham, Seconded by Barbara Silver. Minutes approved unanimously.
- Jim would like to have the minutes within a few weeks of the meeting, as well as the audio recording.

6. ADA COORDINATOR'S REPORT – For Information

- o Brian presented the ADA Coordinator's report and reminded the Committee this is for information.
 - We have an email address for the AAC. Bob would like it publicized. It is already on website; Committee can distribute as need.
 - Update on accessibility improvements on Hollister adjacent to Raytheon.
 - Annual report to Council: Hope to have a draft report to the Committee prior to the annual report.
 - o ADA Transition Plan

- Update Planned for Fiscal Year 2021 Budget
 - The Committee would like to see the plan on a digital platform with check offs as things are completed.
- Mackenzie Dog Park ADA upgrades complete
- City Hall Elevator Feasibility is done, in design
- Fire Stations, 3, 4, 5 and the Eastside Library projects are in progress.
- o Accessible Parking Enforcement
 - SBPD staff will come to the next meeting to discuss parking enforcement.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:

- o Blue Curb Parking
 - Pick low-hanging fruit
 - Clearly defined with timelines.
 - Need a method for managing residential blue curbs.
 - Enforcement of ADA Parking
 - Parking guides need to be updated as does the blue curb map
 - Nick asking Council for a moratorium on blue curb removal; give Downtown Parking a copy of this report for comment.
 - Janice will send to Brian who will talk with Rob Dayton and Victor Garza to get clarified.
- Valet Parking
 - City wants to control valet parking, but there is no consensus on implementation.
 - There is a plan to put in loading zones in downtown, which will take away parking spots.
- Sidewalk
- Corner of State and Alamar was redesigned with curb cuts for more visibility.
- Issues were fixed at Raytheon
- There is a report on ADA for encroachment permits, but still in the air and related to outdoor dining. City has to issue permit for chairs and tables.
- Request@santabarbaraca.gov is an email that goes to Jim Dewey.
- Send issues to Brian who will make sure it is reviewed.
- Concern about room in outdoor dining areas. Brian says that the plans that are being approved are compliant.
- Discussed removing newsstands. Jim will look into that.
- There is a desire by the Committee to review and remove any unnecessary clutter in the Public Right of Way to allow an accessible path of travel.
- Comment by Will Rehling: Thinks it is great that the Committee works through the subcommittee process and finds a connection with staff.

8. ADA COORDINATOR ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL: - For Discussion

 Brian D'Amour presented a report to the Committee about the Annual Report, including the history, recent activities, and continuation of providing accessibility input on Capital Projects

9. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT UPDATE - For Information

- Brian gave an update on the Capital Improvement program. Projects include:
 - Pavement Maintenance
 - Mission Street
 - La Cumbre Road, Phase 2
 - State/Alamar
 - Las Positas/Modoc Multi Use Pathway
 - State Street Undercrossing
 - Downtown De La Vina Safe Crosswalks
 - Buffered Bike Lanes

10. PRIORITIZATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – For Action

 Brian presented a list of future agenda items that he has heard about from various members of the Committee as a starting point.

- AAC Discussed. Nick would like to keep valet parking and status of ongoing projects on agenda.
- The idea of having the SBPD in for discussion could happen at the May 8, 2020, Committee Meeting
- o Items have time stamp, so we know when we can still have some input.
- o Nick reminded to add 30th Anniversary of ADA to this list
- Invite input for the De La Guerra Plaza Revitalization Project
- o Resolution needs to be on next agenda
- o Brian will try to get agenda out early before the meeting. If an application due date is before the meeting, a Special Meeting will be called.
- There was a suggestion for an ad-hoc meeting with staff to look at plans and review them.
- Public Comment: Will Rehling supports use of discussion items and brainstorming on potential guests for the meetings.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Friday, May 8, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street.

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